

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A switching device that selectively switches connections to a predetermined terminal among two or more terminals connected to servers, and can be remote-
5 controlled via a network, includes a network interface circuit to be connected to the network, an image processing unit that includes an image compression circuit for compressing image signals outputted from the servers, and a controller that changes a
10 compression method or compression rate to be used at the image compression circuit in accordance with the congestion level of the network.